

WEEK Nov 20-26

MAIN IDEA

Wearing the yoke of love.

CHECK IN (HIGHS & LOWS) 15 min

A great, quick way to catch the highlights of what is happening in the lives of the people in your group is to take turns quickly sharing the "highs & lows" of your week/holidays. High: What was your biggest highlight since we last met? Low: What was the low point during this time?

SETTLE IN (ICE BREAKER) 10 min

Tell the group about a season in your life where you felt most free (however you want to define it).

DIG IN (UNDERSTANDING) 3

- 35 min
- 1. Read Galatians 5:1-15. What does Paul identify as the purpose for Christ setting us free?
- 2. In what ways is your definition similar? In what ways is it different?
- 3. How have you seen Christ's freedom abused?

- 4. How do verses 6 and 13 address those who think their freedom in Christ allows them to do anything they want? How do they challenge you?
- 5. Bryan talked about how the opposite of the law is license. How have you seen the "yoke of license" enslave you or someone else?
- 6. Read Matthew 11:29-30 and Galatians 5:16. Why would taking Jesus' yoke upon you give you more freedom?

GEAR UP (APPLICATION) 15 min

- 1. Read Galatians 5:22-26. How have you seen the Spirit of God free you from the burden of enslavement?
- 2. Of the different aspects of the fruit of the Spirit, where have you seen change in your life? Where do you still desire growth?

STEP UP (HOMEWORK) 5 min

- 1. Let's take Bryan's challenge. I will pour more (fruit) into (friend)'s life because of the yoke of love.
- 2. Finish the book of Galatians with us! Spend time in the word of God this week, letting God speak to you.